

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for printing an image, comprising:  
a receiving unit receiving a print job data and a password  
corresponding to the print job data;  
a storage device storing the print job data and the password received  
5 by said receiving unit in correspondence with each other;  
a password taking unit taking a password; and  
a controller permitting, when the password taken by said password  
taking unit matches the password stored in said storage device in  
correspondence with the print job data, print output of the print job data  
10 stored in said storage device in correspondence with said password; wherein  
said controller permits, when the password taken by said password  
taking unit is a prescribed password different from the password stored in  
said storage device in correspondence with the print job data, a prescribed  
operation on the print job data stored in said storage device.

2. The apparatus for printing an image according to claim 1,  
wherein  
said prescribed operation includes cancellation of the print job data  
stored in said storage device.

3. The apparatus for printing an image according to claim 1,  
wherein  
said prescribed operation includes print output of the print job data  
stored in said storage device.

4. The apparatus for printing an image according to claim 1,  
wherein  
said controller permits said prescribed operation for each print job  
data stored in said storage device.

5. The apparatus for printing an image according to claim 1,

wherein

said password taking unit takes a password by receiving the password transmitted from an external device.

6. The apparatus for printing an image according to claim 1, further comprising

an information taking unit taking information related to said prescribed operation; wherein

said controller determines contents of said prescribed operation in accordance with the information taken by said information taking unit.

7. The apparatus for printing an image according to claim 6, wherein

said password taking unit takes a password by receiving the password transmitted from an external device; and

said information taking unit takes information by receiving the information related to said prescribed operation transmitted from said external device.

8. A method of printing an image, comprising the steps of:

receiving print job data and a password corresponding to the print job data;

storing the print job data and the password received in said step of receiving, in a storage device in correspondence with each other;

taking a password;

permitting, when the password taken in said step of taking matches the password stored in said storage device in correspondence with the print job data, print output of the print job data stored in said storage device in correspondence with said password; and

permitting, when the password taken in said step of taking is a prescribed password different from the password stored in said storage device in correspondence with the print job data, a prescribed operation on the print job data stored in said storage device.

9. The method of printing an image according to claim 8, wherein said prescribed operation includes cancellation of the print job data stored in said storage device.

10. The method of printing an image according to claim 8, wherein said prescribed operation includes print output of the print job data stored in said storage device.

11. The method of printing an image according to claim 8, wherein in said step of permitting a prescribed operation, said prescribed operation is permitted for each print job data stored in said storage device.

12. The method of printing an image according to claim 8, wherein in said step of taking, a password is taken by receiving the password transmitted from an external device.

13. The method of printing an image according to claim 8, further comprising the step of taking information related to said prescribed operation and determining contents of said prescribed operation in accordance with the taken information.

14. The method of printing an image according to claim 13, wherein in said step of taking, a password is taken by receiving the password transmitted from an external device; and

5 in said step of determining, information is taken by receiving the information related to said prescribed operation transmitted from said external device.

15. A computer program product executable by a computer for printing an image, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a print job data and a password corresponding to the print job data;

5 storing means for storing the print job data and the password

received by said receiving means in a storage device in correspondence with each other;

password taking means for taking a password;

10 first controlling means for permitting, when the password taken by said password taking means matches the password stored in said storage device in correspondence with the print job data, print output of the print job data stored in said storage device in correspondence with said password; and

15 second controlling means for permitting, when the password taken by said password taking means is a prescribed password different from the password stored in said storage device in correspondence with the print job data, a prescribed operation on the print job data stored in said storage device.

16. The computer program product according to claim 15, wherein said prescribed operation includes cancellation of the print job data stored in said storage device.

17. The computer program product according to claim 15, wherein said prescribed operation includes print output of the print job data stored in said storage device.

18. The computer program product according to claim 15, wherein said second controlling means permits said prescribed operation for each print job data stored in said storage device.

19. The computer program according to claim 15, wherein said password taking means takes a password by receiving the password transmitted from an external device.

20. The computer program product according to claim 15, further comprising information taking means for taking information related to said

prescribed operation; wherein

- 5        said second controlling means determines contents of said prescribed operation in accordance with said information taken by said information taking means.

21.    The computer program product according to claim 20, wherein  
      said password taking means takes a password by receiving the  
password transmitted from an external device; and

- 5        said information taking means takes information by receiving the information related to said prescribed operation transmitted from said external device.